

*Workshop connects local leaders with access to federal capital to expand economic development and improve quality of life in southern MN*

(Mankato, MN) – Today, Congressman Walz hosted a workshop that brought federal officials together with local leaders to explore joint strategies to promote public-private partnerships, innovation and prosperity in the region. The workshop, held at the Verizon Wireless Center, was full weeks prior to the event with more than 330 local civic and non-profit leaders participating.

“Today is about building for a better future” said Congressman Walz. “By supporting local efforts to create jobs and improve our standard of living in southern Minnesota, today’s event expands opportunities for our local leaders to pursue critical resources and improves access to and transparency in the decision-making process.”

Participants heard presentations from a federal grant expert, as well as staff from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture – Rural Development, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Congressman Walz also publishes a monthly grants e-newsletter that notifies recipients of recent opportunities to obtain funding and assistance in further developing their local economy and providing critical community services. To subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter, visit <https://forms.house.gov/walz/webforms/e-newsletter.shtm>

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